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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. BIG NEWS IS THAT FRANGIE IS GOING TO DAMASCUS TOMORROW, ACCOMPANIED BY KARAME. NOT YET CLEAR IF ANY OTHER TOP CHRISTIAN LEADERS WILL GO WITH HIM. HE IS TRAVELING OVERLAND WITH LEBANESE GUARD EXCLUSIVELY THOUGH PRESS SAYS SYRIANS GUARANTEEING TO MAKE SURE NONE OF THE MUTINOUS ARMY AND MILITIA UNDER LT. KHATIB IN THE BEKAA WOULD INTERFERE. KHADAM, SHEHABI AND JAMIL RETURNED TO DAMASCUS YESTERDAY. THEY SPECIFIED THEY WOULD BE BACK SOON.

2. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF KIDNAPPINGS IN BEIRUT AND ENVIRONS YESTERDDAY, AS WELL AS DEAD BODIES DISCOVERED FROM PREVIOUS KIDNAPPINGS. HIGHER
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MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS CREATED A SPECIAL MILITARY

TRIBUNAL TO TRY KIDNAPPINGS AND ACTS OF PILLAGE ON THE SPOT. WE ALSO HAVE UNCONFIRMED RUMOR THAT THREE SYRIANS WERE KILLED YESTERDAY, NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED. RUMORS CONTINUE THAT REJECTIONIST PALESTINIANS ARE STILL BENT ON STARTING SOMETHING TO DRAW REACTION FROM CHRISTIANS AND THUS DEFEAT BASIC AGREEMENT. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, JUMBLATT HAS COMMENTED RATHER FAVORABLY ABOUT THE SYRIAN INITIATIVE.

3. FORMER LEBANESE ARMY COS GEN. GHANEM APPLIED FOR A VISA YESTERDAY TO TRAVEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS TO THE U.S. HE HAS SEEN FRANGIE AT LEAST THREE TIMES IN LAST FEW DAYS. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FIND OUT WHAT IS INVOLVED.

4. OTHERWISE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION CONTINUES. WE ARE HAVING ANOTHER CEREMONY IN THE EMBASSY TODAY HONORING WITH IN-GRADE INCREASES THE SECOND GROUP OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES WHOSE ATTENDANCE WAS MERITORIOUSLY CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE TROUBLES.
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